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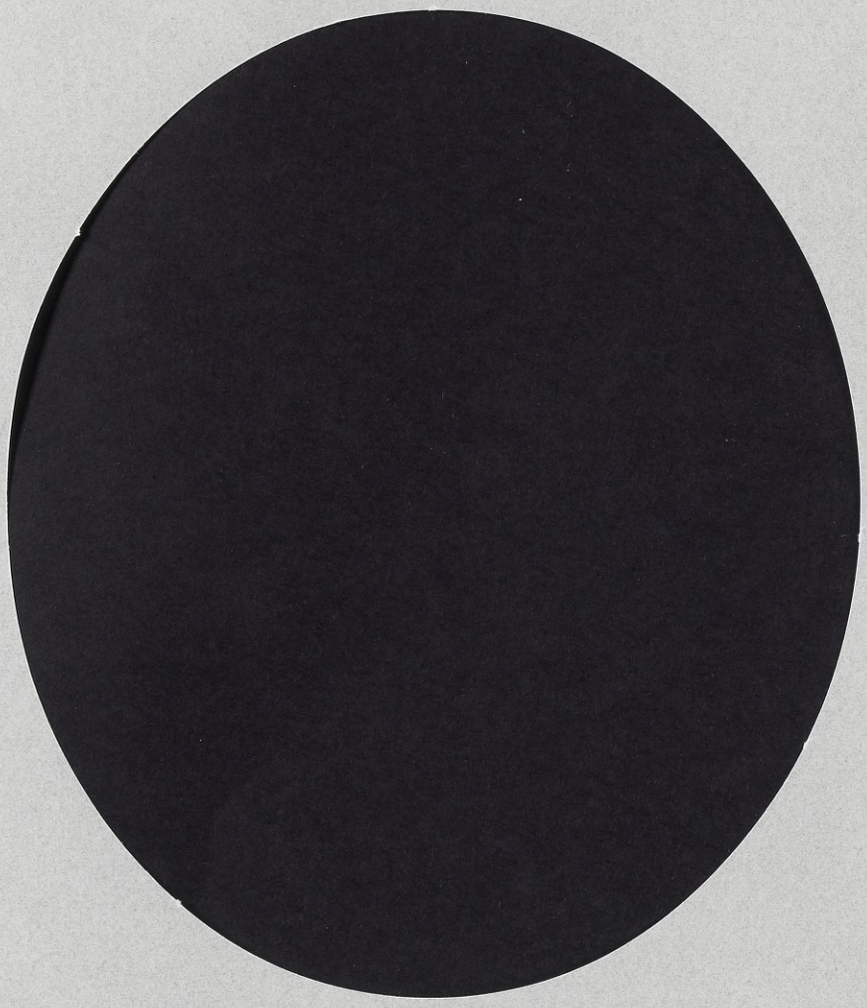
Superintendent Joe Cephus Brewster

Saturday, November 27, 1999, 11:00 A. M.

Mount Olive Church Of God In Christ

1385 East 21st Street, Los Angeles, California 90011

Officiant: Bishop Charles Edward Blake

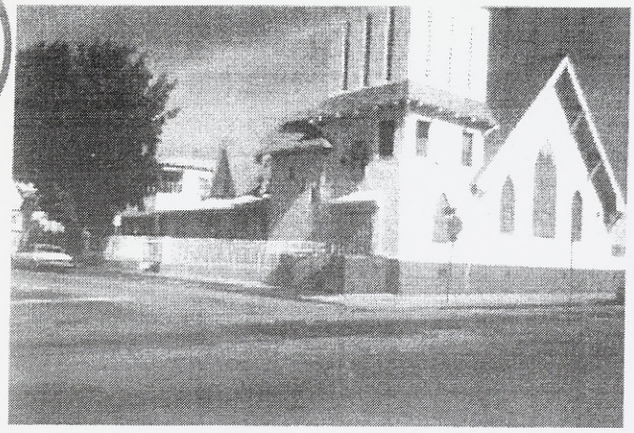


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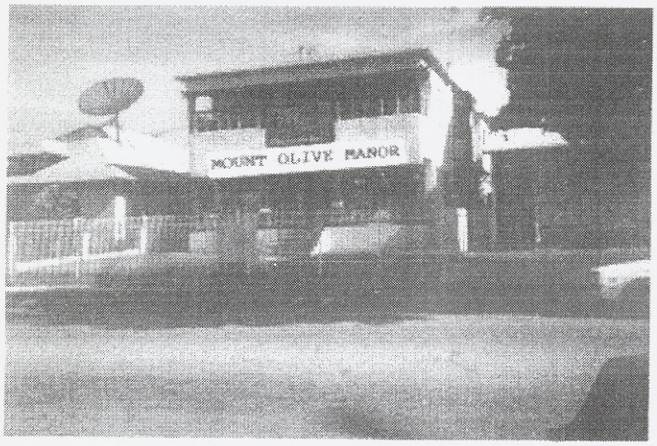


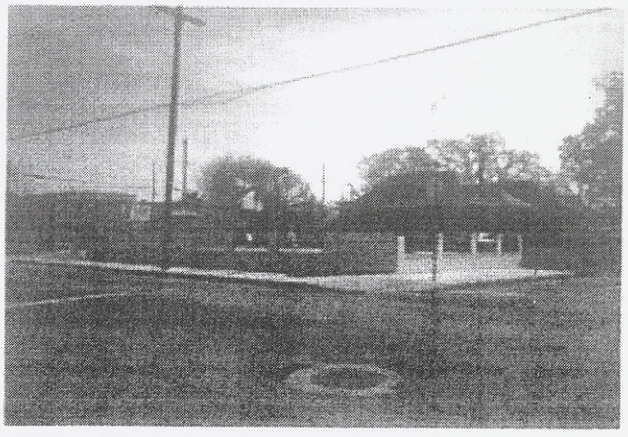
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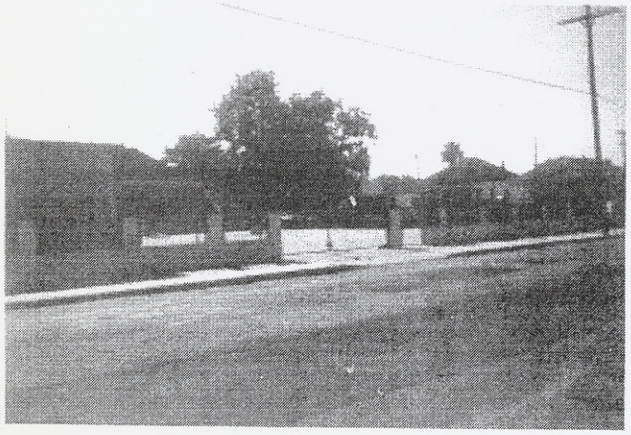
Mount Olive Today



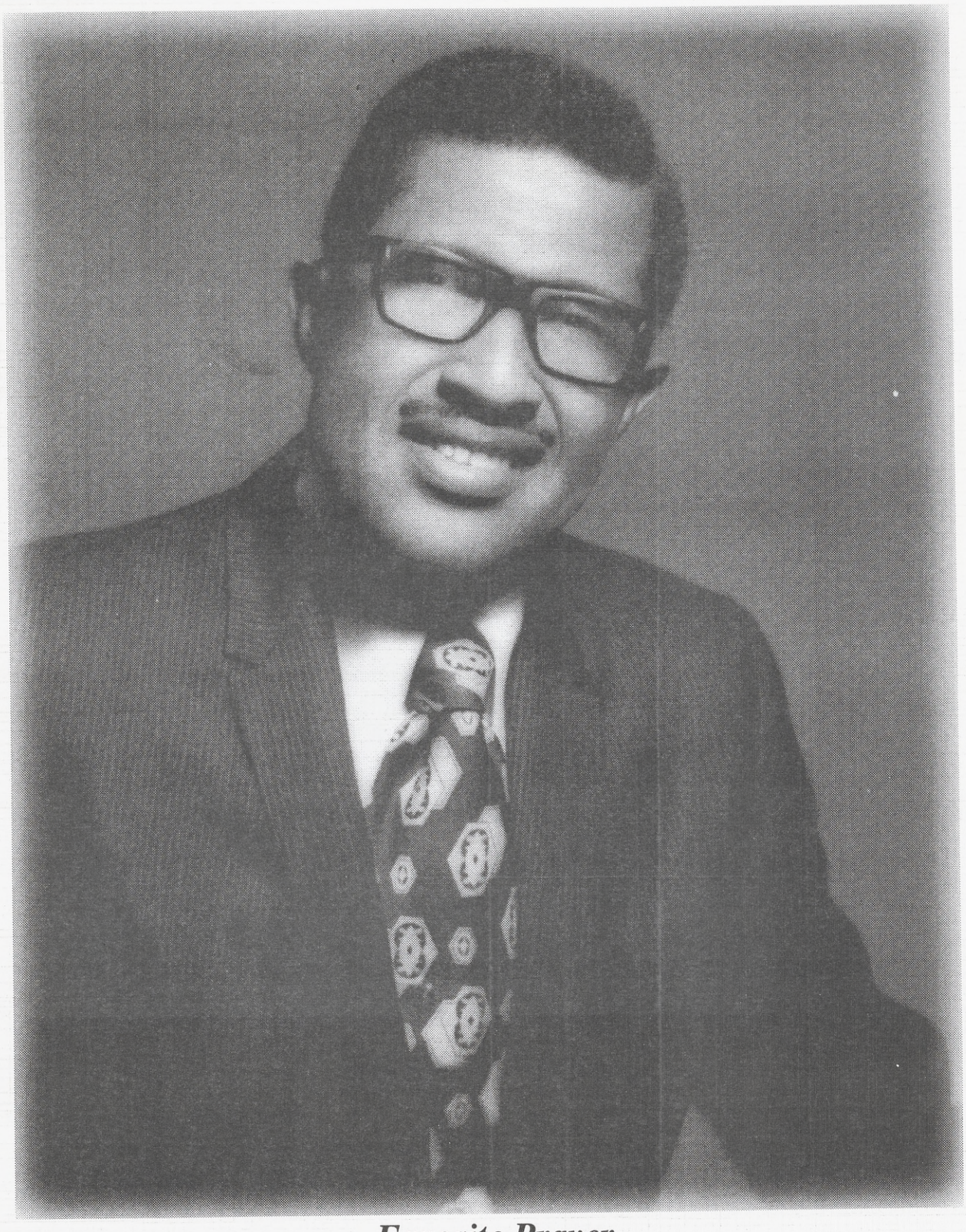








To God Be The Glory



Favorite Prayer

The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth handiwork. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.

Psalms 19:1-3


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Pastor and Mrs. Joe Cephus Brewster

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For forty-nine years, six months you have been an influential segment of my daily routine. Your strength and patience have been stepping stones cultivating love within my life.

Your moral and spiritual strengths have kindled my aspirations and urged me to excellence. You stood and believed God's word.

Your pride and "manhood" have accelerated achievement, competency, and discipline in my life. The Lord has blessed you with rays of sunshine that reflect love in our family's lives. Thanks for a great heritage!

Love Forever
Your Wife

Julia M. Brewster

ORDER OF SERVICE

Body Will Lie In State 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Program subject to change

Pulpit.....Superintendent Robert Cole

Processional.....Family

Invocation.....Superintendent McCray

Old Testament Scripture (Psalms 23: 1-6).....Superintendent Joe Ealy

New Testament Scripture (II Corinthians 5:1, 5:6-10).....Elder Robert Nunley

Medley.....Mount Olive Choir

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST JURISDICTIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

(Remarks: 3 minutes)

Southwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction..... Bishop B.R. Benbow

California Metropolitan Jurisdiction..... Bishop J.B. Hackworth

Solo.....Damon Ray

JURISDICTIONAL REPRESENTATIVES (CONT'D)

Southern California Evangelistic Jurisdiction..... ...Bishop F.G. Goodman

Bishop Ronald Lasiter
Topeka, Kansas

Selection.....Mount Olive Choir

JURISDICTIONAL REPRESENTATIVES (CONT'D)

Chairman Elders Council..... Elder James Shaw

Mount Olive DistrictSuperintendent.....Elder Lazell Rodgers

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Solo.....Superintendent Noah Shumate

JURISDICTIONAL REPRESENTATIVES (CONT'D)

Women's Department..... Dr. Barbara Lewis

Savannah, Georgia.....Evangelist Judy Hines

Topeka, Kansas.....Evangelist Sandra Lassiter

Acknowledgements /Resoulutions.....Nancy Wright

Memoirs.....Silent Reading

Reflections from the BrewsterFamily.....Elder Alton T. Brewster (Son)

Solo.....Superintendent Carlton Anderson

Eulogy.....Bishop Charles E. Blake, Prelate
First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Southern California

Recessional

Interment
Inglewood Cemetery
720 East Florence
Inglewood, California

"Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord."
Psalms 134:2
-Pastor J.C. Brewster

MEMOIRS

In the small insignificant town of Longview, Texas, Viola and James Brewster welcomed the birth of their fifth child – son, Jocephus Brewster – the only male, of five sons, to live to adulthood. With the love of a devoted mother, a hard working father, and ten sisters, Joe grew up with great enthusiasm.

His elementary and secondary education was acquired in Woodvale and Campswitch Schools, but he was later bused to Longview High for continuance of education. Joe was eager to attend school and was a lover of science, history, mechanics and all sports. He boxed in the light-weight division; also, in high school he played right-end on the football team, but quit to make his parents happy. Even in his teenage years Joe was thinking of others.

n 1942, he moved to Los Angeles, after a brief stay in Houston, Texas. He was employed as a mail clerk during the war years (1942-1945) at North American Aircraft; it was during this period that sickness and repentance gripped him. During these years he spent all of his money, lost friends, and became ill. On May 14, 1945, he gave his heart to the Lord.

He was mentored by the late Evangelist James Brockett with whom he travelled. Although he was blind he taught him the value of early morning prayer.

In August 1946, he became a member of the Mount Olive Church of God In Christ, under the leadership of the late Bishop E.B. Stewart. He was a member of the usher board for about six months, but that was not his place. He later joined the choir, for approximately three months, and found that wasn't his place wither. He was appointed as a junior deacon by Elder Raydell Stewart in 1948, and served two years faithfully doing whatever there was to be done, until he heard the "call" to the ministry. Elder Brewster served in six departments. He served two years as youth minister, nine years as Sunday School Superintendent, and nine years as Assistant to Bishop Stewart.

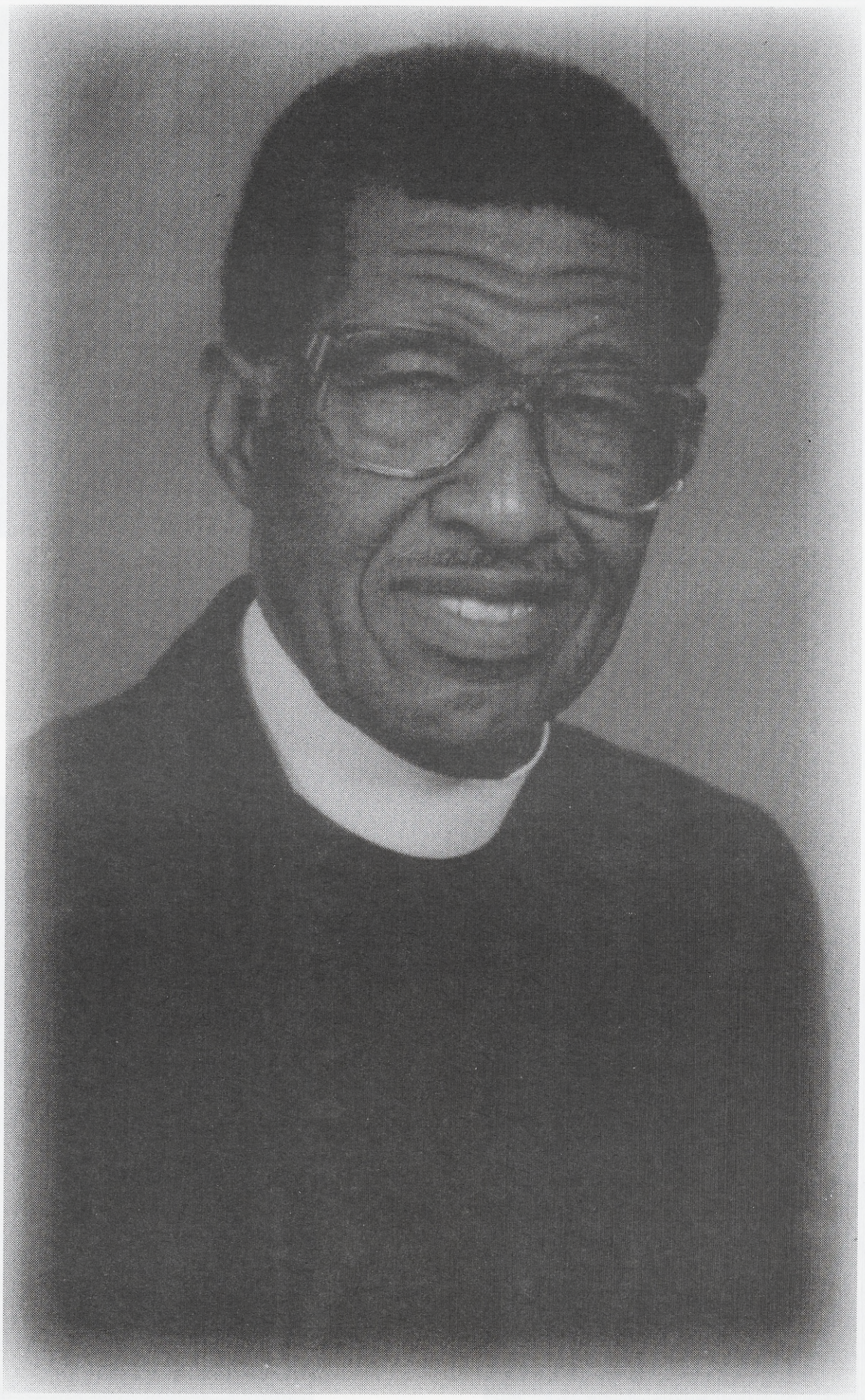
The choice of a mate exerts a significant influence upon the success and achievements of an individual. In 1949 he was introduced to the lovely Julia Eldridge. On May 3, 1950, they were united in matrimony during the Worker's Meeting by Elder S. Jordan at the Center Street Church of God In Christ, pastored by Bishop Falloway, in Houston, Texas. To this union six children were born, three boys and three boys.

After the death of Bishop E.B. Stewart Elder Brewster was installed as Pastor on April 22nd by the late Bishop Samuel Crouch. To further his leadership abilities, Elder Brewster enrolled in L.I.F.E. Bible College (1969 – 1971) located in Glendale, California. He also attended Claremont Graduate School of Theology.

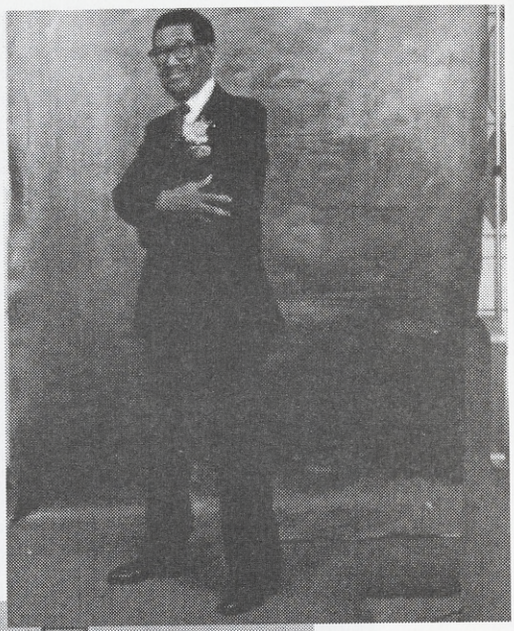
His prayer life and outreach spirit lead him to take affirmative action which provided educational opportunities for the youth which resulted in the establishment of the Stewart Memorial Educational Center and the Urban League Headstart Preschool. During his tenure scholarships were awarded to deserving youths. The church was incorporated, the Sunday School and Outreach Ministries were expanded., installation of stained glass windows in the chapel, main sanctuary and other renovation projects were implemented. Additional properties, including parking facilitieswere purchased.

His participation at the state level began when Bishop E..M. Wilson suggested he become Superintendent of the Mount Olive District. His appointment by Bishop Crouch led to advancement when he became Assistant to Superintendent B.J. Crouch, Emmanuel Region. He also served as a member of the Board of Directors of the C.H. Mason System School in Los Angeles.

He will be forever remembered by his loving wife of forty-nine years, whom he called "Honey"; five children; Randy E. Brewster, Joe C. Brewster, Jr., Beverly S. Brewster, M.S.,

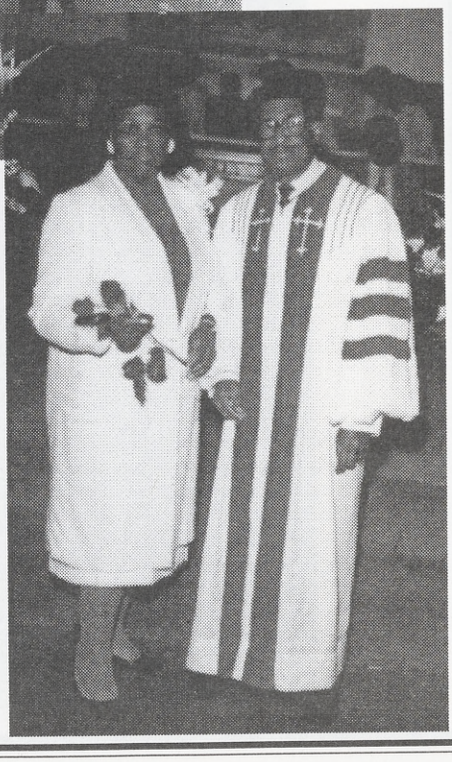


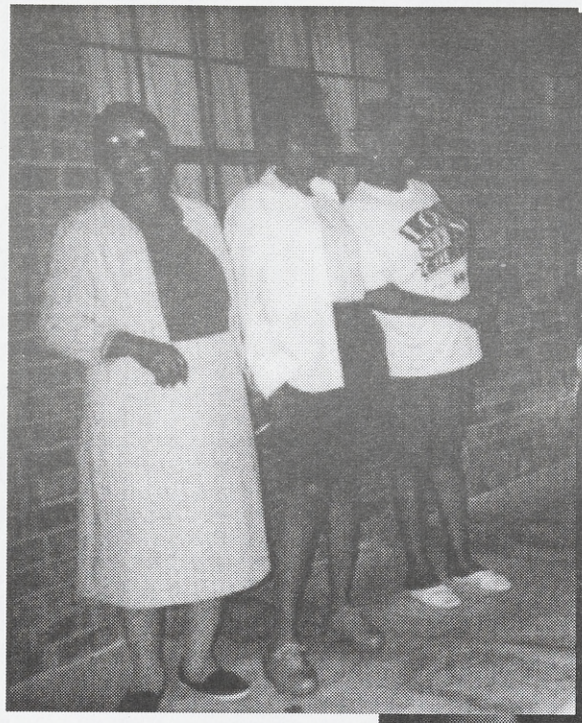


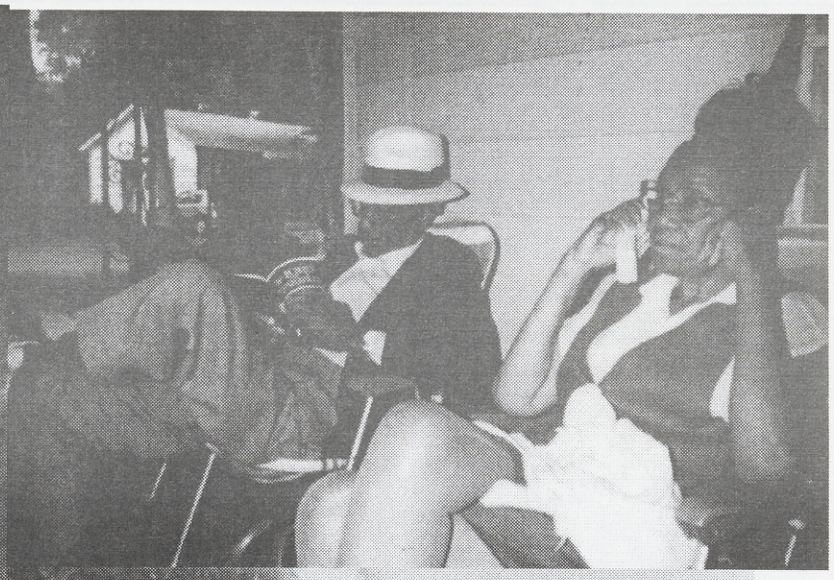



WHERE DO WE
GO FROM HERE?











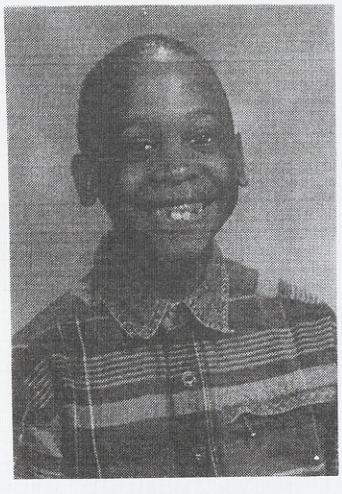




My Grandfather

Bigdaddy of mine,
So sweet and so kind,
I love to see you,
All the time.
With a twinkle in your eyes,
And the angels in the skies.
I will always remember you,
Forever

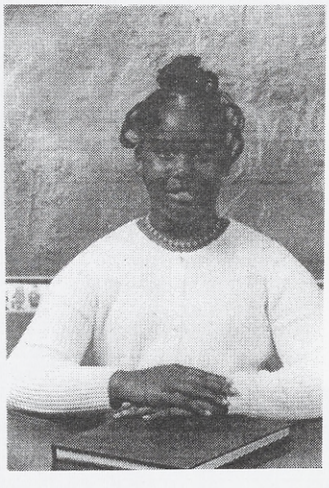
Amir Brewster
8 years old



Old Time Memory's

Old time memory's
The times that were old.
I can hear your sweet voice
Calling, call, calling.
I feel the sweetness
In your precious hands
In the breeze of the earth,
Old times.
I can still see your face
And hear your asking many questions
Old times.

Medina Imani Brewster
10 years old



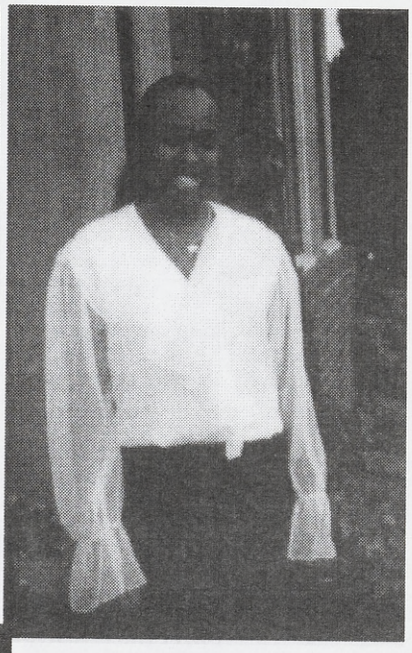
The things I Remember

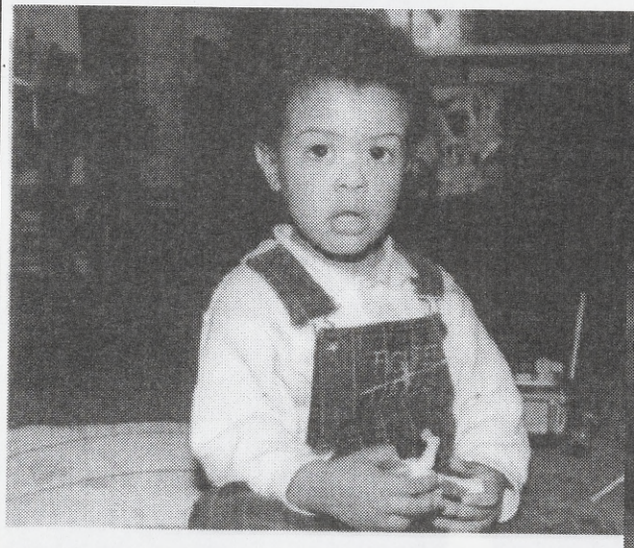
The things that I remember you told me everyday,
keeping me on the move as we ate breakfast,
and took our daily walks.
I remember the good words, the encouragement,
the spirit of love you said should always be shown to everyone both young and old.
I remember the way you walk around the house with
Your cane and hat.
When I did wrong, you told me not to do that.
I remember the scripture that you always said,
"Train up a child in the way he should go"
Sharing your knowledge and compassion.
These are the things that I Remember

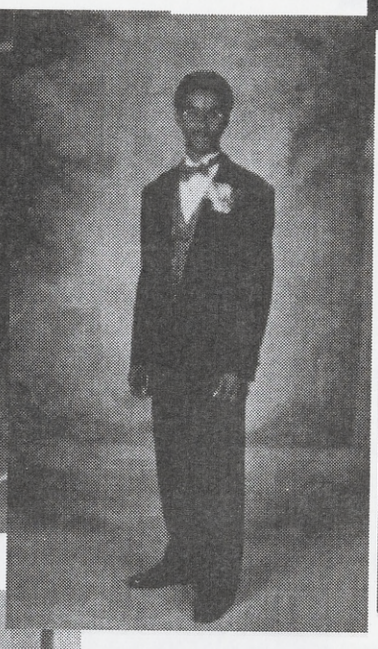
Ahmad Rahim Brewster
15 years old





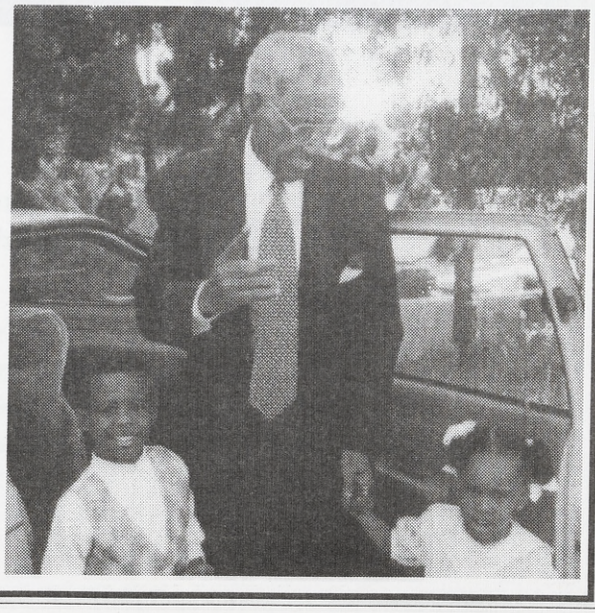




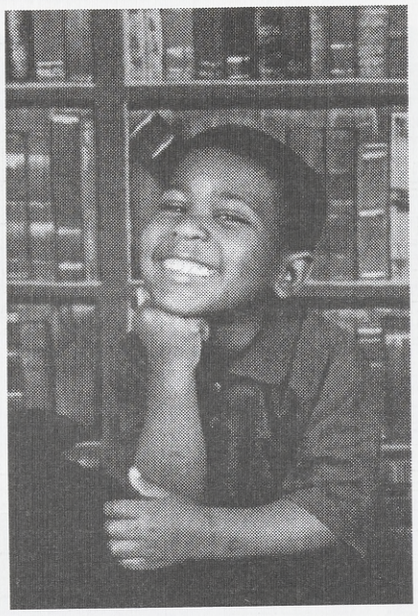






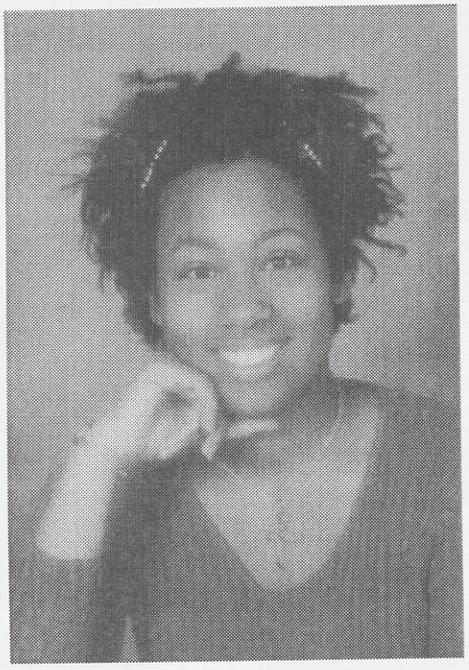


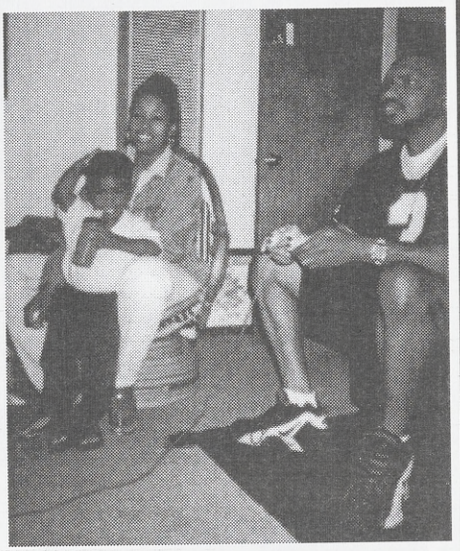














ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Elijah Barr
Troy Bates
Grady Smith
Joseph Smith
Raymond Pillars
Edward Worthen

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Mount Olive Church Family
Deacons Board
Trustee Board

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

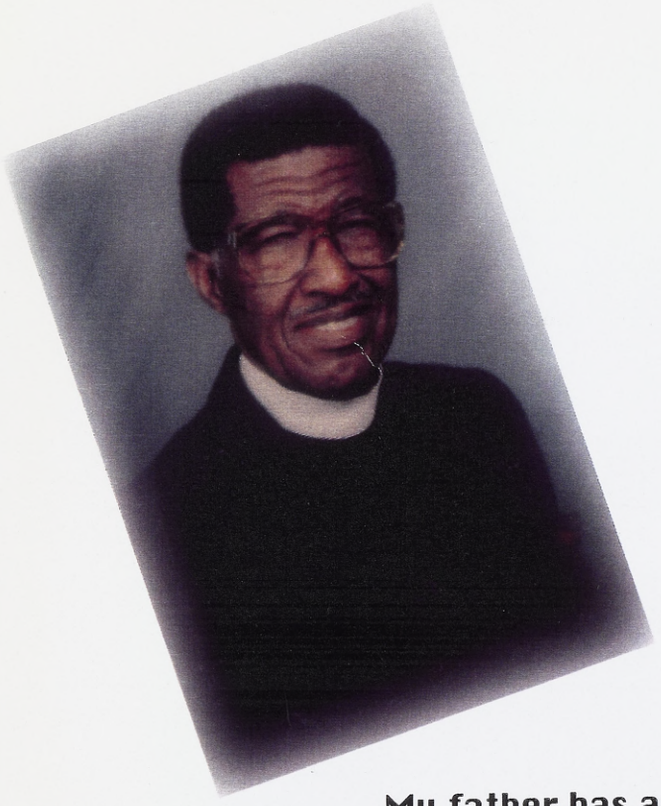
With grateful appreciation, we acknowledge the overwhelming kindness shown during our bereavement. It is comforting to know that there are those who care.

-The Brewster Family

Repast following Internment at
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Simpson Family Mortuary
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Portrait Of My Father



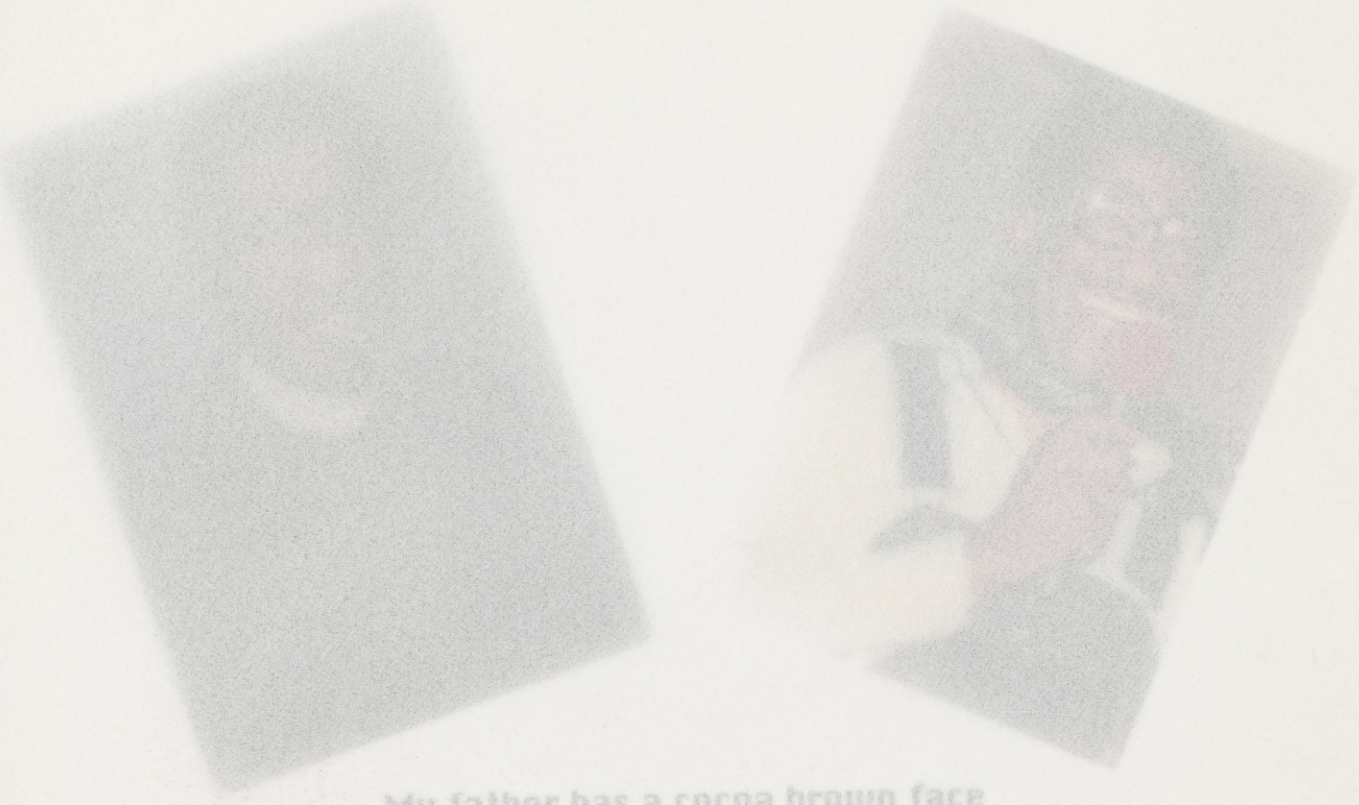


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The wrinkles in his forehead show the potence of his character.
They look as though they were chiseled in.
The eyes are small and seem to be multi-colored marbles.
His mouth is fairly wide and his smile is abundant.
My father is apparently an experienced man.

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